

## Preapplication for HSIPR Program

OMB No. 2130-0583

Preapplication instructions:

- For each question, enter the appropriate information in the designated gray box; keep text answers brief.
- For a multi-State project/program, States are encouraged to identify a lead applicant.
- Please submit one preapplication for each individual project, planning study, or corridor service program.
- Answers provided in this form **will not be used for evaluation or selection purposes**.
- Applicants should complete and submit this form electronically to: [HSIPR@dot.gov](mailto:HSIPR@dot.gov).

## A. Who are you?

(1) Select applicant type, as defined in Appendix 1.1 of the HSIPR Guidance (*Check the appropriate box from the list*):☒ State☐ Amtrak

If one of the following, please append appropriate documentation as described in Section 4.3.1 of the HSIPR Guidance:

☐ Group of States☐ Interstate Compacts☐ Public Agency established by one or more States☐ Amtrak in cooperation with a State or States

(2) Name of lead State or organization applying: State of Illinois, Department of Transportation

(3) Name(s) of additional States and/or organizations applying in this group (*if applicable*): NA(4) Application point of contact (POC):  
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## What is your project?

(5) Project/program name: Chicago To St Louis HSR Corridor - Joliet to St. Louis Meet Resolution Project

(6) Describe the project or program; if a program has multiple phases please describe each and how they fit together; if the project or program relates to another HSIPR application describe the linkage (*less than 1000 characters*):  
First Phase of the ground work for the HSR Corridor Project approved by FRA under the Final EIS dated January 2003. This Phase consists of the final design/rehabilitation/construction of existing sidings, new sidings and 2<sup>nd</sup> main to accommodate train meet points associated with the HSR corridor and the accompanying signal, bridge and crossing work.

(7) Location information

(A) Describe the location of the proposed project/program (attach map if available) (*less than 250 characters*): See map for locations of the proposed meet points along the corridor.

(B) Which high-speed rail and/or intercity passenger rail route(s) benefit from this project? Identify endpoints, major locations served, and name of current route (if applicable) (*less than 250 characters*): Chicago to St. Louis, Chicago to Kansas City, Chicago to San Antonio (Texas Eagle)

(C) State(s) in which the project/program investment is/are located: Illinois

(D) State(s) in which the benefiting service(s) is/are located: Illinois, Missouri, Arkansas, Texas

(8) Project/program type:

(A) Types of capital investments contemplated (*Check all that apply*):

☒ Structures (bridges, tunnels, etc.)

☐ Rolling Stock Refurbishments

☒ Track-Rehabilitation

☐ Rolling Stock Acquisitions

☒ Track-New Construction

☐ Stations, Terminals

☒ New Rights-of-Way

☐ Support Facilities (Yards, Shops, etc.)

☐ Major Interlockings

☒ Grade Crossing Improvements

☒ Communications, Signaling, Control

☐ Electric Traction

☐ Other (*Please describe*):

(B) Describe the types of proposed improvements (e.g., new passing tracks, interlocking reconfigurations, station improvements, equipment acquisitions, etc.) (*less than 500 characters*): Improve existing and establish new train meet points at existing sidings, new sidings and new 2<sup>nd</sup> mainline including all ancillary elements (signals, bridges, crossings)

(C) Service attributes (*Check all that apply*):

☐ Additional Frequencies on Existing Route

☒ Improved On-Time-Performance on Existing Route

☐ New Service

☒ Increased Average Speeds/Shorter Trip Times

☐ Other (*Please describe*):

## (9) Project/program milestones (mm/yyyy):

Construction start date:  
04/2010Construction completion date:  
04/2012

Service improvements realized: 04/2012

## (10) Anticipated benefits (on intercity passenger rail service(s) benefitting from project/program)

Project/Program Benefits	Before (FY 2008 levels)	After (Project completion)	Not Applicable	Not Sure
Annual passenger-miles	86,362,000	86,362,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Average daily round trips (weekday)	5	5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
On-time performance (OTP) (at endpoint terminals)	60%	85%	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Top speed (mph)	79	79	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Average operating speed (mph) (between endpoint terminals)	54	54	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## What will your project/program cost & how will it be funded?

### Capital Costs

(11) Total anticipated project/program capital cost (in millions of dollars)(Note: preapplication estimates will not be binding):  
\$64,000,000

(12) Will your project/program proposal include matching funds?

(A) ☒ Yes If yes, as what percentage of total costs? TBD

☐ No

(B) Proposed source(s) of capital matching funds *(Please check all that apply):*

☒ State ☐ Local ☐ Private ☐ Other *(Please specify):* ☐ N/A ☒ Not sure

(13) If an in-kind match is expected, provide a brief description of the asset *(less than 100 characters)*.

### Operating Costs

(14) Is the project/program expected to result in an additional annual cost of operations for the benefitting service?

☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Not sure

(A) If additional operating funding is required, what would be the source? *(Select the appropriate option by clicking the gray box to activate the dropdown menu):*

Not Sure If other is selected, please specify:

(B) What is the status of providing that funding? *(Select the appropriate option by clicking the gray box to activate the dropdown menu):*

Not Sure If other is selected, please specify:

## D. What preparation have you done?

(15) Please indicate the status of planning, engineering and environmental studies/documentation supporting your program or project. (Although applicants are asked to respond to all items, note that not all are required for all tracks.)

	No study exists	If no study exists, are you applying for HSIPR funds to complete study?	Study underway	Study completed? (year)	Not applicable
<b>Corridor Service Planning Studies/Documents</b> (for the intercity passenger rail service benefitting from project or program)					
Purpose & Need/Rationale	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Service/Operating Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Prioritized Capital Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Ridership/Revenue Forecast	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Operating Cost Forecast	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Tier 1 Programmatic (or "service") NEPA (Identify document from dropdown menu) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Assessment of Benefits	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

<b>Project Planning Studies/Documents</b> (if application is for program (multiple projects), multiple boxes may be checked)					
Preliminary Engineering (PE)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2003	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tier 2 (project-level) NEPA (Identify document from dropdown menu) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2003	<input type="checkbox"/>
Detailed Capital Cost Estimates	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Assessment of Benefits	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>General Planning Studies/Documents</b>					
Project Management Plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Financial Plan (capital & operating – sources/uses)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

(16) Is the project(s) included in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)? ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not sure

(17) Is the project/program included in a Performance Improvement Plan for the host railroad? ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not sure

**(A) Who are your partners & what are their commitments?**

- (18) Right-of-Way Owner(s).** Provide the status of agreements with railroad(s) that own the right-of-way. (If appropriate, "owner(s)" may also include operator(s) under trackage rights or lease agreements.)  
(If more than two railroads, please include additional information in question 24.)

Railroad owner 1 (Name):	- Union Pacific Corp.
Status of railroad owner 1 (Click on the appropriate option from the dropdown menu shaded in gray):	Preliminary executed agreement/MOU
Railroad owner 2 (Name):	
Status of railroad owner 2 (Click on the appropriate option from the dropdown menu shaded in gray):	No host railroad involved

- (19) Intercity Passenger Rail Operator.** If applicable, provide the status of agreements with partner that will operate the benefiting high-speed rail/intercity passenger rail services (e.g., Amtrak). (Click on the appropriate option from the dropdown menu shaded in gray):

No agreement, but partner supports project

- (20) Benefits to Types of Rail Service.** What share of the project/program benefits will accrue to other non-intercity passenger railroad service types (e.g., commuter or freight)? (Click on the appropriate option from the dropdown menu shaded in gray): Some - less than 25%

If benefits to non-intercity passenger rail services are foreseen, are cost-sharing agreements in place with the beneficiary organization(s)? ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A ☐ Not sure

**(B) Which track is the best fit for your project/program?**

- (21) Anticipated HSIPR funding track** (Click on the appropriate option from the dropdown menu shaded in gray):

Track 1 (Projects) FD/Construction

If unsure, please explain:

- (22) Anticipated application filing date** (Check the appropriate box):

☒ 2009 -- first round

☐ Subsequent round(s). (Note: Funding for subsequent rounds is not guaranteed.)

## (C) What help do you need?

- (23) Describe any areas in which you could use technical assistance, best practices, advice or support from others (*less than 500 characters*): None at this time

## (D) Additional information (optional)

- (24) Please provide any additional information, comments, or clarifications. This section is optional.

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